

HOUSE BILL 3872

By Matlock

AN ACT to repeal Chapter 117 of the Private Acts of 1963; as amended by Chapter 369 of the Private Acts of 1972; Chapter 6 of the Private Acts of 1977; Chapter 93 of the Private Acts of 1977; Chapter 221 of the Private Acts of 1984; Chapter 153 of the Private Acts of 1992; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the dividing of Monroe County into school districts, and to provide for the number, election and terms of members of the Monroe County Board of Education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 117 of the Private Acts of 1963, as amended by Chapter 369 of the Private Acts of 1972, Chapter 6 of the Private Acts of 1977, Chapter 93 of the Private Acts of 1977, Chapter 221 of the Private Acts of 1984, Chapter 153 of the Private Acts of 1992 and any other acts amendatory thereto, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. Monroe County shall be divided into four (4) school districts, which shall be established by resolution of the county legislative body of Monroe County from time to time as necessary to maintain districts with substantially equal population.

SECTION 3. The Monroe County Board of Education shall consist of eight (8) members. Two (2) members of the Monroe County Board of Education shall be elected by the qualified voters in each school district. Board members shall be elected to staggered four (4) year terms so that every two (2) years the terms of one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the members of the Board shall expire. Persons elected in the regular August elections shall take office on September 1 following the election and shall serve until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

SECTION 4. The current terms of incumbent members of the Monroe County Board of Education shall not be abridged as a result of this act. In order to establish staggered terms and to decrease the number of board members from nine (9) to eight (8), board members shall be elected to four (4) year terms as follows:

At the August 2012 elections one (1) board member shall be elected from District 2, one (1) board member shall be elected from District 3, and two (2) board members shall be elected from District 4.

At the August 2014 elections, two (2) board members shall be elected from District 1, one (1) board member shall be elected from District 2, and one (1) board member shall be elected from District 3.

SECTION 5. The Monroe County Board of Education shall have the same powers, duties, privileges and qualifications as other county boards of education established pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, title 49.

SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 7. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of Monroe County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the county legislative body of Monroe County and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 8. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 7.